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1. SUMMARY. CLASHES HAVE OCCURRED FROM TIME TO TIME IN NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE'S SOUTH WAZIRISTAN TRIBAL AREA OVER THE PAST TEN MONTHS. THESE HAVE MAINLY BEEN FRACASSES BETWEEN MAHSUD AND WAZIR TRIBES PROMPTED BY QUARRELS OVER ECONOMIC AND OTHER PREREQUISITES. THEY HAVE LATELY ALSO INCLUDED SOME MAHSUD-FRONTIER SCOUTS RUN-INS. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE, IF ANY, AFGHAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE AREA. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF AND CONSUL PESHAWAR TOURED AREAS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO NORTH AND SOUTH WAZIRISTAN LAST WEEK AND TALKED AT LENGTH WITH SEVERAL LOCAL OFFICIALS AN
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OTHER RESIDENTS ABOUT CLASHES IN SOUTH WAZIRISTAN

REPORTED SPORADICALLY IN VERNACULAR PRESS. ANCIENT ENMITIES BETWEEN MAJORITY (IN SOUTH WAZIRISTAN ONLY) MAHSUDS AND WAZIRS (WHO DOMINATE ADJOINING NORTH WAZIRISTAN AGENCY) NO DOUBT UNDERLIES TROUBLE. OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS QUESTION OF ALLOCATION OF GOVERNMENT PERMITS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF TIMER OUT OF TRIBAL AREA, PLUS GENERAL QUESTION OF WAZIR RIGHT OF TRANSIT THROUGH MAHSUD TERRITORY TO MARKETS IN SETTLED AREAS.

3. OUR SOURCES, WHO INCLUDE DIVISION COMMISSIONER, DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS, AND POLITICAL AGENTS FOR TRIBAL AREAS, SAY THAT MOST OF REMAINING TIMER IN GENERALLY BARREN AREA STANDS ON WAZIR OCCUPIED HIGH GROUND. HOWEVER, AGGRESSIVE MAHSUDS HAVE USED THEIR SUPERIOR NUMBERS TO GARNER LION'S SHARE OF PERMITS TO TRANSPORT LOGS INTO SETTLED AREAS. POTENTIAL FOR TROUBLE INHERENT IN THIS SITUATION COMPLICATED BY MAHSUDS' UNWILLINGNESS TO GRANT FREE RIGHT OF WAZIR TRANSIT THROUGH THEIR AREAS WHICH LIE ATHWART ROADS LEADING TO DARA ISMAIL KHAN AND TANK MARKETS.

4. IT APPEARS THAT APPROXIMATELY TWENTY TRIBESMEN HAVE DIED IN CLASHES, ALL WITHIN THE TRIBAL AREA, IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS. GOVERNMENT HAS DEMONSTRATED ENOUGH CONCERN OVER ISSUE TO REPLACE SOUTH WAZIRISTAN POLITICAL AGENT (THEIR MAN ON THE SPOT) AFTER ONLY FIVE MONTHS INCUMBENCY, BUT WE HAVE NOT NOTED IN AREA RECENTLY VISITED ANY TROOP BUILDUP OR ANY OTHER OVERT SIGNS OF EXCESS GOP ANXIETY.

5. A RECENT ASPECT OF AFFAIR HAS INCLUDED FIGHTS BETWEEN MAHSUD AND FRONTIER SCOUTS, A PARA-MILITARY FORCE RAISED FOR DUTY THERE. THESE, HOWEVER, SEEM TO BE BASED MUCH MORE ON TRIBALS' DESIRE TO KEEP CONTROL OF COMMUNICATIONS (MAHSUDS THOUGHT SCOUTS PROTECTED WAZIR TRANSIT) THROUGH THEIR AREA THAN ON ANY OVERWEENING DESIRE TO DEMONSTRATE TO GOP MAHSUD INDEPENDENCE PER SE. REPORTS OF CUT COMMUNICATIONS (REFTEL) PROBABLY REFLECT THIS AS WELL AS PREVAILING CONFIDENTIAL

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6. ALL OUR INFORMANTS, BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL, ARE AGREED THAT INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF AFFAIRS ARE MINIMAL. THE MAHSUDS ALL LIVE ON THIS SIDE OF DURAND LINE (AFGHAN MINISTER FOR FRONTIER AFFAIRS WAS BORN ON THIS SIDE), THUS CUTTING DOWN POTENTIAL FOR CROSS BORDER MEDDLING. MOREOVER, IT IS A GOOD DISTANCE

ACROSS RUGGED TERRAIN FROM INHABITED AFHGAN TERRITORY
TO THE MAHSUD AREA. HOWEVER, WITHIN THE PAST FEW
WEEKS, A REPORTEDLY PRO-AFGHAN LEADER HAS GAINED
INFLUENCE AMONG THE MAHSUDS. ACCORDING TO THE
SOUTH WAZIRISTAN ASSISTANT POLITICAL OFFICER, THOUGH,
HIS ASCENDANCY OWE MORE TO A CURRENT MAHSUD
INCLINATION TOWARD RADICAL PATHS OF ACTION WHICH
THIS LEADER ADVOCATES) THAN ANY TRIBAL LEANING
TOWARD KABUL.

7. AMCONSUL PESHAWAR WILL BE VISITING EMBASSY LATER
THIS WEEK AND MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL COMMENT.
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